



Proclamation
Presented to
The Women's Center
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

WHEREAS, The Women's Center, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa has strived to make available easily accessible resources and referrals for women and other students who are in need of such services for the past twenty years, providing student support services, awareness and prevention education to assist students in such areas as sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking and other critical areas; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center provides support for non-traditional students and students with children to excel academically while juggling challenging economic situations and the responsibilities of parenthood through the "Bridge to Hope" Program and the "Student Parents at Mānoa Program; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center is a welcoming place for students of all backgrounds, regardless of gender, race, class or sexuality to feel safe at the University to study, socialize and get involved beyond academic programs through the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Student Services Program; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center is a safe place for students who experience interpersonal violence to get resources, information, safety planning and education about violence against women so their academic standing is not jeopardized by their experience through the PAU Violence Program; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center assures that all campuses in the University of Hawai'i System have an infrastructure and policies to prevent and address violence against women so students who experience sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking receive support through the University of Hawai'i Sexual Violence Prevention Project; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center continued support of the Student Equity, Excellence & Diversity Program enables it to carry on its mission to provide students with personal and academic support to succeed at the University; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary and Women's History Month in March; and will recognize individuals who have inspired, been role models and provide leadership to young women and men at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa through the project "Fabulous Females: Honoring the Women that Star in Our Lives";

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, **BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March as "Women's History Month" and March 8, 2011 as

"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"

and recognize organizations and individuals who have helped in the quest for furthering women's rights and accomplishments.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of March, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i